

Accomplishments ~ 2003

OFFICE OF THE STATE

~Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation~ ~Salmon Recovery Funding Board~

~ Summary ~

Administration, Finance, Information Technology

Finance. • Closed out the 2001-03 biennium and prepared operating and capital allotments. • Continued to clear accruals and process warrants. • Created new employee timesheets and an equipment inventory system. • Closed all 2001 sub-recipient monitoring.

Information Technology. • Produced maps for our boards, the legislature and others with the Office's Geographic Information System. • Brought the data portal and Web site mapping systems on-line. • Continued regular Web site and Project Information System updates. • Performed other installations/upgrades.

Meetings. Completed logistics, reporting, and other work for 13 IAC and SRF board meetings. Coordinated various workshops, evaluations, and technical meetings for monitoring, recreation, and salmon programs.

Personnel & Other. Honored departing and welcomed new IAC board members and staff. Oriented several new advisory and evaluation team members and bid farewell to those who moved on after years of service.

Team Building. • Held an all staff training, community service, and recognition meeting in Olympia. • Recognized birthdays, holidays, arrivals, and departures with potlucks and other informal gatherings. • Provided IAC's "adopted" family with Christmas gifts.

Audit. The Auditor identified two technical issues involving federal reporting requirements for the period July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2003. Staff has implemented procedures that effectively address reoccurrence of these findings.

Field Operations and Projects

ADA Accessibility. Continued representation on the *State Building Code Council*, provided consulting and technical assistance at seminars and conferences, reviewed 60 site plans and performed numerous state facility on-site reviews/inspections.

Recreation and Salmon Funding. IAC and SRFB awarded \$86.9 million to 259 projects, as shown in the following table:

Type	Hatcheries		Recreation		Salmon	
	#	Grant	#	Grant	#	Grant
Land acquis.	0	0	25	\$21.21	18	\$10.15
Developm.	2	\$0.53	65	\$15.38	1	\$0.61
Safety-Educ.	0	0	13	\$0.22	0	0
Acq.-Devel.	0	0	14	\$13.04	2	\$1.20
Maintenance	0	0	26	\$1.11	0	0
Planning	16	\$2.62	15	\$0.66	19	\$9.98
Restoration	0	0	0	0	43	\$10.17
Totals	18	\$3.15	158	\$51.62	83	\$32.11

(Dollars in millions, totals rounded.)

• Processed Project Agreements, billings, amendments, and conversion requests; created summary files and archived main files for all completed projects. • Held a salmon *Strategies to Projects: Building a Common Understanding* workshop with lead entities. • Formed and chaired 12 Work groups to consider options for the 5th Round salmon grant cycle. • Conducted 4 recreation and 4 salmon *Grants Workshops* across the state (including distribution of the revised 75-page recreation *Workshop Syllabus*). • Held 7 recreation and 24 salmon *Project Review Meetings* in preparation for project evaluations and 4 salmon "Issues Task Force" meetings. • Continued to review/approve qualifying plans for eligibility in 4 grant programs (BFP, LWCF, NOVA, WWRP). • Held 10 recreation and 11 salmon *Successful Applicant Workshops* and executed numerous Project Agreements.

Field Operations, Continued...

• Completed funded project compliance inspections. • Near year's end, was managing 1,051 active projects in 12 programs.

ALEA. The 2003-05 capital budget transferred responsibility for the *Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program* to IAC. By year's end, the Office was managing 14 active projects.

BFP. Awarded \$1.4 million for 5 local agency motorized *Boating Facilities Program* projects. At year's end, the Office was managing 90 local and state active projects.

BIG. Awarded \$.095 million in Tier I *Boating Infrastructure Grant Program* projects. At year's end, the Office was managing 3 active projects.

FFFPP. In the new *Family Forest Fish Passage Program*, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board awarded \$2 million in grants for 36 projects.

FARR. Awarded \$.22 million for 6 *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation* projects. At year's end, the Office was managing 24 active projects.

Hatchery Reform. Administered \$3.3 million for 21 successful projects for assisting fish hatcheries statewide. At year's end, the Office was managing 24 active projects.

LWCF. Awarded \$1.9 million for 7 *Land and Water Conservation Fund* projects. At year's end, the Office was managing 27 active projects.

NOVA. Awarded \$2.3 million in two *Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program* categories (NHR nonmotorized, ORV) for 33 projects. At year's end, the Office was managing 99 active projects.

NRTP. Awarded \$1.1 million to 34 *National Recreational Trails Program* projects after evaluating 56 applications requesting \$1.7. At year's end, the Office was managing 81 active projects.

Salmon. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board completed its fourth year by funding 82 new salmon habitat protection and restoration projects representing \$24 million in state and federal funding, as well as \$4 million for the Forest & Fish Program, and \$11.9 million for programmatic activities. At year's end, the Office was managing 436 active projects.

WWRP. After the *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's* project review meetings and evaluations, IAC awarded \$43.55 million in grants. Of this, \$10.57 million was awarded for 5 Critical Habitat category projects; \$6.49 million for 27 Local Parks category projects; \$7.2 million for 4 Natural Areas category projects; \$7 million for 6 State Parks

category projects; \$4.78 million for 9 Trails category projects; \$4.7 million for 2 Urban Wildlife Habitat projects; and \$2.8 million for 7 Water Access category projects. At year's end, the Office was managing 199 active projects.

YAF. For the first time in three years, IAC accepted applications for funding consideration in the *Youth Athletic Facilities Program*. At year's end, the Office was managing 30 active projects.

Planning: Applied and Policy/ Special Projects

FERC. Continued to advocate for recreation in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's relicensing process. Contributed to solution-oriented processes in several hydroelectric projects statewide.

Legislative Session. Monitored hearings; tracked legislation; provided information to, and met with legislators and staff; testified at hearings; and met with natural resource agency legislative liaisons.

Salmon Monitoring Program. SRFB: • Began the *Intensively Monitored Watersheds* study to test effectiveness of restoration projects in increasing fish production. • Altered approach to monitoring project effectiveness to randomly selected project samples. • Continued to fund smolt trapping at key index sites. • Funded a report to summarize the limiting factors in individual watersheds. • Developed a SRFB proposal for monitoring the habitat status of trends in Puget Sound.

IAC-SRFB Coordination: • Helped create the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership, a multi-agency forum to coordinate and standardize monitoring activities in the Pacific Northwest. • Helped develop a monitoring program in the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Region. • Helped develop monitoring strategies in Oregon.

Awards: • OIAC staff member Bruce Crawford received the *Governor's Distinguished Manager Award* for developing the Comprehensive Monitoring Strategy for Washington. He also received the 2004 *Award of Merit* from the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society. • SRFB received the Conservation Award for 2003 by the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society for salmon restoration work.

Planning Continued...

Performance Measurers. To improve our ability to fund salmon recovery and habitat conservation projects that have the most positive impact on the environment, we continued to develop outcome-based performance measures.

Program Planning. • Completed recruitment for a new Land and Water Conservation Fund standing advisory committee. • Initiated a review of the *Youth Athletic Facilities Program* to determine future direction.

Reports. Prepared or contracted for the following reports: • *Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Report: Making the Connections* (SB 6400, Laws of 2002). • *A Guide to Lead Entity Strategy Development* (October).

Also: • Completed the Office's first *Sustainability Plan* (EO 02-03). • Reported on surveys assessing the success of the Office's Information and Planning Workshops, Application Workshops, project evaluations, and Salmon Recovery Funding Process. • Submitted Quality Initiative Reports to the Governor's Office.

Conferences. • With the Department of Fish and Wildlife, co-sponsored a lead entity workshop on the content and use of lead entity strategies. • Co-sponsored the 2003 *State Trail*

Conference attended by 103 nonprofit and government.

Manuals. Completed revisions to 17 Office policy, procedure, and information manuals.

Ongoing Activities. Continued participation:

- Governor's Internal Quality Consultants Group,
- Governor's Council on Environmental Education,
- Governor's Salmon Recovery Scorecard,
- Heritage Corridors Advisory Committee,
- Lead Entity Advisory Group,
- Natural Heritage Council,
- NOVA fuel use study/recommendations process,
- Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project Steering Committee,
- Puget Sound Water Quality Authority's Marina-Boater Task Force,
- Stakeholder group coordination (The Nature Conservancy, Wa. Wildlife and Recreation Coalition, Wa. Recreation and Park Association, Northwest Marine Trade Association, etc.),
- State Trails Coalition,
- Washington Coalition to Promote Physical Activity,
- Dept. of Ecology Watershed Planning Act agency liaisons.

Also coordinated on salmon recovery funding issues with Lower Columbia River Estuary Program, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Power Planning Council Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, and other Western states.

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